

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
KITCHEN, et al. : Expected
: Group Art Unit: 2764
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Application No: Unassigned (Rule 53(b)):
Continuation of Appl. Serial No. : Expected
09/034,561 filed March 3, 1998). : Examiner: R. Alvarez
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Filed: Concurrently :
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For: ELECTRONIC BILL PROCESSING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant
Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of a continuation under 37 USC 1.53(b) of pending Application Serial No. 09/034,561, filed March 3, 1998. Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read --ELECTRONIC BILL PRESENTMENT
WITH
BILL CATEGORIZATION--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add new claims 34-51 as follows:

--34. A method for electronically presenting bills, comprising:
storing a plurality of bills from a plurality of billers
for a payor, each biller being associated with one of a
plurality of biller categories;